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Mr Matt Elliott
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Dear Mr Elliott

Financial Notice to Improve: The Liverpool Joint Catholic and Church of England Academies Trust

On 3 December 2020, I wrote to your predecessor in their capacity as the Chair of Trustees at The Liverpool Joint Catholic and Church of England Academies Trust (“the trust”) to serve notice that the trust was required to improve the financial management, control and governance at the trust.

This was as a consequence of the weak financial position of the trust and continued concerns relating to governance and oversight of financial management by the Board. The Financial Notice to Improve (FNtI) set out the actions to be taken by the trust to make sure necessary improvements were made.

We have closely monitored the trust’s progress against the conditions set out in the notice. I understand that due to its complexities the trust is still working to adopt the latest model Funding Agreement and Articles of Association. The trust must continue to work with my team and confirm when this action is complete. However, I am pleased to inform you that I am satisfied that all other FNtI conditions have been met. As a result, the FNtI will be lifted with effect from the date of this letter.

This letter will be published on the GOV.UK website. I am copying this letter to Heather Duggan (Accounting Officer of the trust), Father Michael Fitzsimons, Stuart Harrison, Mike McGurk and Anne Pontifex (Trust Members), and Vicky Beer (Regional Schools Commissioner for Lancashire and West Yorkshire).

It is important that the trust continues to embed the controls and processes which have led to this improvement and the Board continues to exercise strong financial oversight of the trust. I would like to thank you for your contribution in ensuring the trust has reached this position.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Warwick Sharp', is centered on the page.

Warwick Sharp
Director, Academies and Maintained Schools Directorate

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Father Michael Fitzsimons, Trust Member
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